

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of Marc K. Roberts et al.

Newly filed Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/712,493  
Filed September 11, 1996

Group Art Unit: 2712

Examiner: T. Ho  
For: ELECTRONIC STILL VIDEO CAMERA  
WITH DIRECT PERSONAL  
COMPUTER (PC) COMPATIBLE  
DIGITAL FORMAT OUTPUT

**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to substantive examination of the captioned continuation application filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), please amend the application, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

[Please cancel Claim 1.]

[Please add the following new claims:]

21. (NEW) A digital camera memory system comprising:  
a removable digital memory element for storing digitized image data,  
a digital control unit for checking the memory element to determine if the memory element has been initialized,  
a display for giving an indication of the results of the checking to a user of the camera, and